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# LETTER DATED 16 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to bring to your attention a serious violation that took place this morning, 16 November 1993 in the demilitarized zone. This violation involved orchestrated acts of provocation and incitement by Iraqi officials against the territorial integrity of Kuwait and infiltration of the border into Kuwaiti territory.

Early on Tuesday, 16 November, the Iraqi Minister of Agriculture and the Iraqi intelligence officer posted at Safwan were reported to have met with Iraqi farmers owning farms on the Kuwait side of the border and urged them to remain on their farms. The said Iraqi intelligence officer had recently met with the farmers and threatened them not to leave their farms.

Subsequently, around 9.50 a.m. local time, some 250 Iraqis in civilian clothes and over 60 vehicles, including 3 coaches, converged at pillar 95. The Iraqis, including the two officials, waving Iraqi flags, started throwing sticks and stones at the trench workers on the Kuwaiti side of the border, upon which the trench work was halted. Kuwait protested the incident to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM).

Around 11.00 a.m. the Iraqi crowd infiltrated 600 metres into Kuwaiti territory, hoisted Iraqi flags on the earthen embankment and tried to level the trench. Members of the Iraqi and foreign press were noticed at the site.

At 12.40 p.m., the crowd slowly started to withdraw. UNIKOM was observed urging the remaining Iraqi crowd to withdraw, while Iraqi flags are still planted on the embankment.

While bringing the above to your attention, it should be underlined that Iraq is held responsible for the disruption of peace in the demilitarized zone, and incitement to obstruct a hitherto orderly process of work well within the sovereign right of Kuwait.

I should appreciate it if you would bring the above to the immediate attention of the members of the Security Council and arrange for the circulation of the letter as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative

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